# Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate Institute Course Brief

Course Name	English, University Preparation		Grade	11
Course Code	ENG 3U1		Credit Value	1
Pre-Requisite	ENG 2D1	Or Recommended Pre-	N,	/A
		Requisite		
Type of Course	Full-year, university preparation English course			

POSSIBLE TEXTBOOKS	REPLACEMENT COST (if lost or damaged)
Viewpoints 11	\$52.25
Reference Points 11	\$44.75
Macbeth/Othello	\$22.95
Great Gatsby	\$21.00
Life of Pi	\$18.95
Three Day Road	\$18.95
The Namesake	\$18.95
1984	\$18.95

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/LEARNING MATERIALS

SELECTED FILM ADAPTATIONS OF Macbeth or Othello, The Social Network, Louder Than a Bomb

### **Course Description**

This course emphasizes the development of literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills. Students analyse challenging texts from various periods through various perspectives; conduct research and analyse the information gathered; analyse and compose poetry; write persuasive and literary essays; analyse the relationship among media forms, audiences, and media industry practices.

### Curriculum Strands/Categories (this may differ depending on discipline and level)

**Knowledge and Understanding:** Subject-specific content acquired in each grade/course (knowledge), and the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding)

**Thinking:** The use of critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes **Communication:** The conveying of meaning through various forms

Application: The use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts

#### **Assessment and Evaluation of Student Achievement**

The Personal Essay— Looking at texts (and life) through unique perspectives with an awareness of literary lenses and literary/rhetorical devices.  Personal Essay Reading and Writing	
Poetry - Examinations of multiple poetic perspectives, including a further examination of media treatments of poetry.  Spoken Word Poem Reading, Writing, Oral Communication, Media	
Play - Examination of a selected play through literary lenses and a comparative analysis of similar themes found in this play through the media.  Reading, Writing and Media	
Novel Study – Examination of a novel through literary lenses with collaborative learning.  Literature Circles Reading, Writing, Media and Oral Communicati	on
Culminating         Presentation and Exam         Reading, Writing, Oral Communication and	d Media

# Levels of Achievement

For Grades 9 to 12, a student's achievement of the overall curriculum expectations will be evaluated in accordance with the achievement charts in the provincial curriculum and will be reported using percentage marks.

Achievement Level	Percentage Mark	Achievement Description
	Range	
HL4/L4+	95 – 100	Level 4 identifies achievement that surpasses the provincial standard. The student
L4	87 – 94	demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with a high degree of effectiveness.
LL4/L4-	80 – 86	
HL3/L3+	77 – 79	Level 3 represents the provincial standard for achievement. The student demonstrates
L3	73 – 76	the specified knowledge and skills with considerable effectiveness. Parents of students
LL3/L3-	70 – 72	achieving at level 3 can be confident that their children will be prepared for work in
		subsequent grades/courses
HL2/L2+	67 – 69	Level 2 represents achievement that approaches the provincial standard. The student
L2	63 – 66	demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with some effectiveness. Students
LL2/L2-	60 – 62	performing at this level need to work on identified learning gaps to ensure future
		success.
HL1/L1+	57 – 59	Level 1 represents achievement that falls much below the provincial standard. The
L1	53 – 56	student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with limited effectiveness.
LL1/L1-	50 – 52	Students must work at significantly improving learning in specific areas, as necessary, if
		they are to be successful in the next grade/course

<sup>\*</sup>Students who achieve below 50% have not met curriculum expectations; a credit will not be granted.

Learning Skills	Assessment of Learning Skills
Responsibility	
Organization	Excellent (E)
Independent Work	Good (G)
Collaboration	Satisfactory (S)
Initiative	Needs Improvement (N)
Self-Regulation	

Weighting by Strands/Categories			
Writing	20% overall (30% of course work)	Media	15% overall (20% of course work)
Reading	20% overall (30% of course work)	Oral Communication	15% overall (20% of course work)
Culminating Assessment	15% Exam, 15% Activities		

→personal writing	→quotation/text analysis	→focused responses
→spotting	→oral presentations	→class discussions
→debate	→perspective identification	→literature circles
→test	→self-reflections	→examination
→peer assessment	→media/visual displays	

# **CALCULATION OF FINAL MARK**

- ightarrow 70% for evaluations conducted throughout the course
- ightarrow 30% for a Culminating Activity the C/A will occur in the final 2 weeks of the course Final exam will be worth 15% of the Year

<sup>\*</sup>The above is subject to change at the discretion of the Grade Eleven teaching team.